

**TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 31, 2016**

1. **Call to order & roll call:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Marx at 6:10 PM (immediately following Board of Review and a Public Hearing). Board members present: Tom Marx, James Brooks, James Bechen, Robert Benson, Jon Plumer. Also present: Mary Linak, Denise Patterson, William Emmons, Sharon Easley, Don Easley, Jim Owen (Ayres & Associates), Jim Jager, Dave Jager, Joe Fobes, Vickie Nichols, Bev Baerwolf, John Pickle, Mark Tomczak, Martha Dodge Alberti, Jeff Duppler, Chuck Lanius, Audrey Attoe, Larry Regula, Pam Regula, Dave Attoe.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** lead by Chairman Marx

3. **Citizen Input:** none

4. **Greg Kaminski, Director, Columbia County Solid Waste re: changes @ Columbia County Solid Waste relating to the Town of Lodi Transfer Site:** Kaminski – we’ve recently installed a semi-automatic sorter and it is in operation already. So you will no longer have to separate recyclable materials at your Transfer Site, except keeping cardboard and glass separated as much as possible. We will be coming to your Transfer Site soon and changing all of your recycling containers.

Benson – how can it be economical to have a machine and employees sorting items? Kaminski - We can sort 8 tons/hour currently, it’s actually very efficient. There’s a video on the county website showing how it works, and you’re welcome to come to our shop and see it.

Brooks – when do you see us getting the new dumpsters? Kaminski – we’re phasing everyone in, we’re hoping to have you done before the end of the year. But until then you can mix recyclables if need be, they all get mixed together at our facility anyway. There will be containers for cardboard, paper – everything else will be combined.

Marx – are we able to get additional containers when we need them? We’ve been given different answers at different times. Kaminski – the 6-yard we have, the 30-yard we don’t have extras of because they cost \$8,000 to purchase.

Bechen – in addition to making it faster for our residents to drop off at the Transfer Site, is there any other advantages to you using the new single-stream process? Kaminski – nothing more than just efficiency.

5. **Resolution 2016-04: Discontinuance of a part of an unnamed public right of way north of Demynek Road in the Town of Lodi described as follows: A parcel of land located in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 5, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, in the Town of Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the South Quarter Corner of Section 5; thence N 02°09'29" E, 1812.68 feet; thence S 82°47'50" W, 138.74 feet; thence N 07°30'18" W, 199.96 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N 07°30'18" W, 30.00 feet; thence S 82°47'07" W, 99.37 feet; thence S 07°21'13" E, 30.00 feet; thence N 82°47'07" E, 99.45 feet to the point of beginning. Contains 2,298 square feet:** Plumer – I agree this is the best resolution to this matter. Bechen – I can’t imagine how many hours have been spent on this, and I agree this is a win-win solution. Marx – I think it really helps for people to come to these meetings and giving their input, it really helps in coming up with a solution that is agreeable to all.

*Bechen/Brooks motion to approve Resolution 2016-04. Roll call vote: Marx – yes, Brooks – yes, Bechen – yes, Benson – yes, Plumer – yes; MC 5-0.*

Mary Linak: so how is this finalized? Goeske – I will let the attorney know it's been approved and he will get it filed with the ROD. And when I have all the final bills in I will send a bill to each of the 2 parties involved.

**6. Resolution 2016-05 Accepting 2 (A) and (B) Perpetual Public Highway Easements: (A) Parcel 11022-819 @ W11097 Rodney Drive owned by Eugene E. & Nancy J. Vatch; and (B) Parcel 11022-817 @ W11092 Rodney Drive owned by the William H. Spahn Living Trust:** Marx – this easement is needed because when the engineering firm came in and did the survey of Rodney Drive and the cul-de-sac it was found that they put the cul-de-sac partially on the Spahn and Vatch properties. Without this easement we'd have to move the cul-de-sac. We have spoken with both the Spahn's and the Vatch's.

*Bechen/Benson motion to approve Resolution 2016-04; Roll call vote: Marx – yes, Brooks – yes, Bechen – yes, Benson – yes, Plumer – yes; MC 5-0.*

**7. Resolution 2016-03 Accepting 2 (A) and (B) Perpetual Storm Water Drainage Easements: (A) Parcel 11022-819 @ W11097 Rodney Drive owned by Eugene E. & Nancy J. Vatch; and (B) Parcel 11022-820 @ W11091 Rodney Drive owned by Donald E. & Sharon A. Easley:** Owen - Lichtenheld and I did meet with the Vatch's, the Easley's were out of town at the time. Don Easley – all I've heard of this project. Marx – the town engineer was supposed to send out letters to all property owners affected quite awhile ago when this project began. Owens – we are planning on building a grass flume/swale about 5-6' wide about 1 – 1.5 feet deep. Benson – so this would help make the water flow off the cul-de-sac properly? And we would return Easley's property to as it is so he could still mow it? Owen – it'd have 1.5% slope down to the water. When we do the roadwork we're going to be making the road 3' higher than it is now. Marx – when I talked to Easley earlier today he asked about making this underground instead. Owen – putting an underground pipe would be more expensive, destructive, and require regular maintenance, and would require removal of some of Easley's trees. With the grass swale no trees would need to be removed. Easley – currently the water runs ½ way on my property and then onto Vatch's. Would I be able to put my boat on it or a shed? This is taking 15' away from my usable property. Owen – a boat wouldn't be a problem. Goeske – a shed would have to be at least 10+ from that side lot line to meet setback requirements. Marx – all of the parties involved have brought to my attention that there is a huge cottonwood tree they'd like to have removed (it's along the edge of the road). Benson – my suggestion would be to give the Easley's more time to think on this, and that we should remove the large cottonwood tree. Easley – it would be nice if it could start on my property and then go onto the Vatch's property, as the water currently flows. Marx – could you (Owen) go mark exactly where this easement will be on the properties involved. Owen – I did talk to the low bidder (Tri County) and I found a \$500 deduction that needs to be made to the bid; that could go towards the tree removal. I also did talk to Tri-County and they're schedule is full, and they prefer to start August 15.

*Benson/Plumer motion to approve Resolution 2015-03 plus marking of the Easley/Vatch easement; Roll call vote: Marx – yes, Brooks – yes, Bechen – yes, Benson – yes, Plumer – yes; MC 5-0.*

**8. Resolution 2016-06: 2016 Budget Amendment per WSS 60.40(5) “The town budget may be amended by the town board”:** Marx – we currently have an Undesignated Fund balance of \$391,476.84. Our annual budget is approx. \$1,000,000.00. The recommendation is to have 20% - 25% of your annual budget set aside, which would come to \$200,000 - \$250,000. At this time the town has too much set aside. So we're looking at amending (adding) to the 2016 budget as follows:

- + \$8,500 for Legal Counsel to update our ordinances which hasn't been done in many years
- + \$7,500 for Engineering Services for the same
- + \$4,000 for Law Enforcement for 80 additional Lodi Police hours (@ \$50/hour) from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- + \$50,000 for Street Repair & Maintenance to do all the Paser 6 and all the Paser 7 roads and all the sealcoating,

+ \$30,000 for Town Hall Fund. We currently have \$3,000 left in the fund. A new sign will cost more than that. We're also looking at maybe some simple playground equipment for here at the town hall; we've had people wanting to rent the town hall but there's nothing for children to do outside.

Bechen – I think that any playground equipment here at the Town Hall should go through the Park Commission. As Benson stated the playground equipment in Arbor Valley Park is a permanent piece of equipment and would last longer and need less maintenance than wood structures. Bechen – I agree with Bechen that the Park Commission should be brought into this decision. Should this money be spread out to include the town hall and all parks. Plumer – if we're going to spend money I think it should do towards all parks. I also think we should think about using some of the undesignated fund towards paying off our debt.

Brooks – the Lodi Fire Dept. is going to be purchasing self-contained breathing apparatus, the share to the town would be \$100,000. Most likely, if the LAFD doesn't get a grant to cover this cost, the City of Lodi would get a loan for the entire amount and then the town would budget for the payment each year in our budget to pay our portion off.

Rick Waugh (Transfer Site/Parks) – recently I was burning late at the Transfer Site and I called the County Sheriff, but Lodi PD responded and told me that he was waiting for the county. I don't understand why they had to wait for the county.

*Bechen/Plumer to approve Resolution 2016-06 as follows with the addition of \$50,000 towards the town's current Town Hall loan; any monies spent on park equipment at the Town Hall will be transferred to the Park Improvement budget line item; Roll call vote: Marx – yes, Brooks – yes, Bechen – yes, Benson – yes, Plumer – yes; MC 5-0.*

**9. Rodney Drive roadwork bid/contract:** The final bids were as follows –

Tri-County	\$142,620
Wolf	\$161,451
Cattell	\$161,955
Gasser	\$167,232
Columbia County Highway	\$224,708

Owen – we've worked with Tri-County paving, no problems.

*Benson/Brooks to approve Tri-County at \$142,120.75; MC 5-0.*

**10. Drainage Easement issues N2761 & N2771 N. Lake Point Drive:** Benson – this is a problem that isn't going to go away. The water needs to be directed to completely go through the pipe. I put a vane grate in my own driveway and it works. This problem with the Tomczak and Baerwolf area is partly the town's problem because it's water from our roads that is going on to these properties, we should contact Tomczak regarding putting in a vane grate to direct the water to the drainage pipe, and get a cost for doing so.

Tomczak – Baerwolf put in the berm about 3 years ago. And then this year she put additional mulch, creating a worse berm and directing water to our driveway/garage. Brooks – Baerwolf is in violation of the Storm Water Drainage Easement and she needs to restore the area to as it was before she put up the berm. Bechen – all of the garages in that area are lower than the road, so water runs down all of them. Marx – I received a call from Tomczak stating they were going to open up the berm slightly because their garage was flooding; Baerwolf called me the next day and said she'd leave that berm opened until the board makes a decision. Bechen – if we spent a couple of thousand dollars putting in a vane grate before, we could put vane grates on every driveway in that area because they all have that problem. But if we put in a 2<sup>nd</sup> vane grate on Tomczak's driveway or near it

the problem should be solved. Plumer – I agree that another vane grate would be a good idea, but we need some \$ numbers before we make a decision.

The Town Engineer will go out and look at this situation and give us options to remedy it, and put it on a future agenda item.

**11. Proposal(s) for misc. park repairs & maintenance:** Bechen – I will turn this over to the Park Commission members present tonight – Denise Patterson and Dyan Kopitzke. They have several items they would like to start asap.

Patterson – Stranders is the low estimate for completely roofing the dugouts and shed at Byrns Ball Park @ \$2,540. They will be starting this Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Patterson – Buchanan is the low proposal for reclamation of ball field including the access area to ball field @ \$4,900. They will start this Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be an additional \$1,000 in the fall to reseed the outfield.

Kopitzke – we'll be looking at proposals for work at the Conservancy Park, Michael Park, etc... We will be asking for the board to have a Special Town Board meeting soon to approve whatever the Park Commission approves tomorrow night. The Conservation Park will be about \$4,000 for the path.

*Benson/Plumer to approve the above Stranders and Buchanan proposals; MC 5-0.*

Brooks – the Harmony Grove Association is possibly going to be funding a tornado siren in Harmony Grove.

**12. County Road Aid Application – Columbia County Highway seal coating & crack filling projects:** *Benson/Brooks motion to approve Petition for County Highway Aid; MC 5-0.*

**13. Contest for Town of Lodi logo:** Marx – I have presented a suggested rules for a Town of Lodi Contest (copy on file, available upon request). The Town has no identity, nothing to put on its letterhead, envelopes, town hall sign, website, business cards, etc.

Put the Contest in the Lodi Enterprise, send to schools, on our website, public email list, etc.

**14. Transfer Site fees (Benson/Brooks/Waugh):** Marx – we now have an additional resource, as Town Board Supervisor I is on the County Board and is on the County Solid Waste Committee.

Benson – I've discussed this with Rick Waugh. What we're trying to do is make it so our Transfer Site employees spend a lot of time explaining fees. I suggest the following: 1. County charges \$5 for toilets, sinks, bathtubs – the town doesn't charge a fee – we need a \$5 fee; 2. TOL charges \$20 for sofa, I think we should charge a flat \$15 for upholstered chairs, sofas, and loveseats; 3. Construction materials – Dekorra charges anything from \$45 - \$70 for construction loads. I suggest we leave it up to the employee's discretion, charging from \$20 - \$50 for pickup loads.

Brooks – I think we should stay with what I've proposed, as follows: *I'm writing this proposal regarding fee's we currently charge at the Town of Lodi Transfer Site. First I'd like to say the transfer site is something that we can all be very proud of. I've lived in this area since 1978 and was a place I didn't like going to because of all the gravel and how dirty it was. Its clean now and our workers do a wonderful job making sure it stays that way.*

*As you may know I'm now a Columbia County Board Supervisor and one of the committees I've been assigned to is the Columbia County Solid Waste Department. Since I've taken this position I've looked over our Transfer Site fee's and the fee's that Columbia County Solid Waste charges the Town of Lodi.*

*I have identified many areas that need improvement at the Town of Lodi Transfer Site regarding billing. I will give examples of what I mean. Columbia County charges the Town of Lodi \$5.00 dollars for each stove/range, refrigerator, dishwasher clothes washer and dryer. The Town of Lodi does not charge anything for these items currently which means we are taking an automatic loss on each of these items when they are brought to the Transfer site for disposal. I wish this was the end but I must add, we do not charge for fluorescent bulbs or porcelain items like sinks, bathtubs and toilets. The Town is not correctly billing for furniture disposal. The Town charges a flat \$20.00 dollars for these items when we actually get charged by the County \$15.00 for a couch, \$10.00 for a loveseat, \$7.00 for a chair and \$5.00 for mattress/box spring. Lastly Electronics is another area that needs improvement. Currently we do not charge for computer monitors or receivers but Columbia County charges us on a per item basis.*

*I know at the last board meeting creating a fee for the two dumpsters that take construction materials was discussed but no action was taken. I have not suggested fee for this and will not support a fee for those dumpsters. We have no ability to weight a vehicle coming in or going out to find the difference therefore in weight therefore, we would arbitrarily be charging people for material. In my opinion this is not fare to the citizens of the Town of Lodi, this is what my and their taxes pay for.*

*As far as the prohibited items, rules/regulations and recyclables at the transfer site, for now they would stay the same.*

*In conclusion, this proposal for adjusted fees at the Town of Lodi Transfer site will get in line with what the county is charging us, therefore in a better fiscal position for its future.*

#### **APPLIANCES**

Freon Appliances (Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers)	\$ 18.00 ea. piece
Non Freon Appliances	\$ 5.00 ea.
Microwave	\$ 5.00 ea.

#### **FLUORESCENT BULBS**

	\$ .25 ea.
4-Foot Fluorescent	\$ .40 ea.
8-Foot Fluorescent	\$ 5.00 ea.
Ballast	\$ 1.00 ea.
High Press/Metal Halide	\$ .45 ea.
U-shaped Fluorescent	\$ .45 ea.

#### **FURNITURE**

Couch	\$ 15.00 ea.
Loveseat	\$ 10.00 ea.
Chair	\$ 7.00 ea.
Mattress/Box Spring	\$ 5.00 ea.

#### **PORCELAIN ITEMS**

Sink	\$ 3.00 ea.
Commode/toilet	\$ 5.00 ea.

#### **ELECTRONICS**

Computer Monitor	\$ 5.00 ea.
Desk Top Computer (CPU)	no chg

Lap Top Computer	no chg
Printers	no chg
Copy Machine (Business)	\$ 40.00 ea.
Television 32" or larger	\$ 20.00 ea.
Television 25" or larger	\$ 10.00 ea.
Television less than 25"	\$ 10.00 ea.
VCR/Receiver/Radios	\$ 2.00 ea.
Carpeting varies by volume	\$ 5.00 min.

### **No Fee**

Batteries, metal, printers, laptop computers, desktop computers, typewriters, plotters.

Benson – I respectfully disagree with Brooks. I believe in user fees. We should be charging for the items I've stated above.

Plumer – I also disagree with Brooks. I do care what the county charges us. If they're charging us \$20 for something then I expect to pay the Town at least \$20.

Bechen – being a numbers guy, I will disagree with Brooks. About 8% of each tax bill goes to the Town, to maintain our roads, parks, access points, police protection, transfer site, etc... Those taxes shouldn't be going towards people bringing in items that the town has to pay for the county to take away.

Brooks – my proposal has prices set at what the county charges, but nothing for construction materials.

Bechen – I think we should be charging for construction materials, and it's not double taxation for our residents.

Tomczak (resident) – I agree with user fees.

Easley (resident) – I believe we should pay a fee that is the same that the county charges us.

*Marx/Brooks motion that we accept the Transfer Site Fee Adjustment Proposal 5/20/16 prepared by Supervisor Brooks, and the recommendations made by Supervisor Benson. (Incorporating the Columbia County Fees into our fees); Marx/Bechen amends motion to: (see notes on Brooks proposal); MC 5-0*

**15. 1-year Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License Renewals (07/01/16-06/30/17):** (a) Amarson's, Inc. (Harmony Grove BP) - Class A Combination Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage; (b) Fitz's Pub & Grill, Inc. - Class B Combination Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage; (c) KD's Bar & Grill, LLC - Class B Combination Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage; (d) Lucky's on the Lake, LLC - Class B Combination Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage; (e) Smokey Hollow Campground, LLC - Class B Combination Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage

*Bechen/Benson motion to approve all above as presented; MC 5-0.*

**16. 1-year Cigarette & Tobacco Products License Renewals (07/01/16-06/30/17):** (a) Amarson's, Inc. (Harmony Grove BP); (b) KD's Gar & Grill, LLC; (c) Lucky's on the Lake, LLC; (d) Smokey Hollow Campground, LLC

*Benson/Brooks motion to approve all above as presented; MC 5-0.*

**17. 2016-2017 Election Inspector - Julie Moskal:** Benson/Brooks motion to approve; MC 5-0.

**18. Community Garden on Town Hall land:** Brooks/Plumer motion to table; MC 5-0.

**19. Chairman Report (Marx):** Regarding 3 items listed in recent Letter to the Editor in Lodi Enterprise: 1. No one has talked to us about TIF financing in the Town, so have no idea where that rumor got started; 2. There has been no talk from the City of annexing any portion or all of the Town; 3. There is no Selling of Town land, other than the lot on Bay Drive – which is now not an option, there has been no discussion of selling any town land.

**20. Clerk-Treasurer Reports:**

**(a) Town Board meeting minutes: April 26, 2016:** Plumer/Bechen motion to approve; MC 5-0.

**(b) Revenues vs. Expenditures as of May 26, 2016:** Bechen – did you notice how much we’re spending on Brushing. Who authorized or approved the brushing done. And the same with gravel shoulders – did anyone authorize or approve them. When the county workers need work, they seem to randomly go around and do those projects at their discretion.

**(c) Payment of Bills: Mortgage ACH #21/ + Checks #21089 through #21121 totaling \$75,847.67:**  
Plumer – I agree with Benson that we pay the County Highway bill, but the brushing portion under protest.  
Brooks – we can expect them to do the mowing, but the brushing, litter pickup, etc...

*Brooks/Benson motion to approve ACT #21 plus checks #21089 through #21121; MC 4-1 (Marx, Brooks, Benson, Plumer – yes; Bechen – no)*

**(d) Building Permits:**

Lodi Issue Date	# 16-	TOWN OF LODI	2016 BUILDING PERMIT LOG		
		Owner or Contractor	Site Address	Est. Cost	Project Description
01/04/16	01	ERNEST TUCK	W10867 W. Harmony Dr.	900	shed
01/11/16	02	TOM HANLEY	N2752 Summerville Park Rd.	150	electrical & alteration
01/11/16	03	PAMELA STIEREN	N2632 CTH V	9,500	plumbing upgrades
01/14/16	04	FRANK QUINN	W10948 Lake Point Dr.	1,600	electrical upgrade
01/20/16	05	DAVE MITCHELL	Demyck Rd.	1,000	access/driveway
01/29/16	06	ALAN LONG	W11114 Pollock Rd.	20,000	shed
			<b>JANUARY:</b>	<b>33,150</b>	
02/01/16	07	DAVE MITCHELL	W11522 Demyck Rd.	160,000	<b>NEW HOME</b>
02/01/16	08	JOHN WOPAT	N1597 Kohn Rd.	1,000	new elec service
02/04/16	09	ERWIN LUCKMANN	W10929 Arbor Valley Rd.	5,000	remodel
02/12/16	10	ANDREW KOPMEYER	W11102 Pollock Rd.	20,000	basement remodel
02/12/16	11	CASEY CHANTHAPHONE	W11597 Demyck	5,000	enclosing carport
02/19/16	12	CHUCK VERRI	N2190 Okee Bay Ct.	45,000	kitchen/bath remodel
			<b>FEBRUARY:</b>	<b>236,000</b>	
03/01/16	13	US CELLULAR	Smith Rd.	0	temp access/drive
03/08/16	14	TOM WALZER	N2112 Back Forty Rd.	96,000	remodel
03/16/16	15	PAT GATLING	W11626 CTH V	n/a	demo garage
03/24/16	16	JON PLUMER	W11404 High Point Rd.	14,000	enclose deck
03/31/16	17	ANDREW PRELL	W10943 Bay View Dr.	0	remodel
03/31/16	18	MICHAEL KARLS	W11480 Reynolds Rd.	3,100	raze shed/new elec

			MARCH:	113,100	
04/08/16	19	EUGENE/NANCY VATCH	W11097 Rodney Dr.	27,000	breezeway
04/08/16	20	DAVID HENSIK	N1706 Ryan Rd.	15,000	pool cabana
04/12/16	21	NORRIS HEADLEY	W11044 Timber Ridge Trail	2,000	access/driveway
04/22/16	22	NORRIS HEADLEY	W11044 Timber Ridge Trail	411,589	NEW HOME
04/21/16	23	TIM ESCHER	W11460 CTH V	18,000	barn foundation/roof repairs
04/18/16	24	BRANDON BUSSE	N2097 Back Forty Rd.	19,000	garage
04/25/16	25	REID WILSON	W10575 Airport Rd.	1,700	rear yard fence
04/25/16	26	ANDREW PRELL	W10943 Bay View Dr.	10,000	1st floor remodel
04/29/16	27	MARK OBOIS / FITZ'S	W11602 CTH V	22,000	electrical/plumbing for patio
			APRIL:	526,289	
05/03/16	28	NATE BAHE	W10945 Arbor Valley	1,899	shed
05/11/16	29	JAMES FURGER	N1204 Lovering Rd.	5,000	driveway
05/16/16	30	CYRIL STATZ	N2433 Rapp Rd.	2,000	electrical upgrade
05/17/16	31	DAVID YOUNG	W11373 High Point Rd.	10,780	remodel laundry room
05/24/16	32	JENNY SEVERSON	N2799 CTH V	12,000	addition
05/25/16	33	JAMES FURGER	N1204 Lovering Rd.	349,000	NEW HOME
			MAY	380,679	
			YEAR-TO-DATE:	1,289,218.00	
			Estimated Imp. Cost		

(e) **Animal Control Officer Log:** nothing to report

(f) **Communications:** none

**21. Commissions/Committees/Districts/Departments:**

(a) **Plan Commission (Marx/Bechen):** did not meet in May

(b) **Park Commission (Bechen):** I'm very impressed with the hard work of the Park Commission members and how dedicated they are. 05/18/16 meeting minutes received.

(c) **Any other commission/committee/district/department reports - minutes received:** 04/21/16 EMS Commission; 03/08/16 Harmony Grove Sanitary District; 03/23/16 Harmony Grove – Okee Joint Sanitary District; 04/06/16 Harmony Grove Sanitary District; plus Water Utility Operating rules for: Water for Construction, Use of Hydrants

**22. Upcoming meeting date(s):** next Town Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**23. Future agenda item(s):** community garden, Rodney Drive agreements, N. Lake Point drainage issue

**24. Adjourn:** *Bechen/Benson motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.*

*April D. Goeske*  
Clerk-Treasurer